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METHOD FOR VENETIAN)
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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit this response to the Final Office Action of March 4, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn in view of the amendments and for the reasons set forth in the remarks section of this response.

Status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.